

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**November 21, 2014
7:30 AM**

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101

CITY HALL

Advisory Members Present:

Will Hancock
William Kelly
Marshall Jones
Lori Cervenak-Renteria
Keith Hines
Meredith Walker

Advisory Members Absent:

Bruce Mills

Guest Members Present:

Bill Brice
Lea Downey

Staff Members Present:

Pete Valdez
Joshua Paul
Susan Requejo
Peter Arellano
Chris Anderson
Michelle Myles
Michael Suda
Kim Hernandez

I. Call meeting to order

- a) Meeting Called to order by Marshall Jones @ 7:35 am
- b) Minutes from the October 17, 2014 meeting approved as written by Marshall Jones Seconded by Meredith Walker.

II. Citizen Communication

Bill Brice of the Downtown Austin Alliance presented a report on the progress of the Sobriety Center Working Group. In addition, Mr. Brice presented information on the efforts being made to investigate the potential for the Austin State Hospital campus to be utilized to better serve the homeless and mental health populations in Austin.

III. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Discussion regarding planning an event to honor Councilmember Riley presented by Marshall Jones. No action was taken on this item Advisory Committee will revisit at the January 16, 2015 meeting.
- B. Downtown Commission update presented by Meredith Walker. No report was given at this time. Meredith Walker is still awaiting her official appointment to the Downtown Commission to by City Council.
- C. Advisory committee meeting schedule for FY15 presented by Marshall Jones. Schedule was unanimously approved for the following dates:
 - 1. January 16th
 - 2. March 20th * **Alternate Location SXSW**
 - 3. May 15th
 - 4. July 17th
 - 5. September 18th
 - 6. October 16th
- D. Emergency Solutions Grant Housing Update presented by Michelle Myles. Data presented was on clients housed since January 2013 through the ESG. No action was taken on this item.
- E. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals DB, GG, JL, and CW shared first- hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. No action was taken on this item.

IV. Executive Session- No Executive Session Held

- V. Next meeting will be held January 16, 2015 @ 7:30 in room 1101 City Hall. Items A., D and E. from the November 21, 2014 agenda will remain on the January 16th agenda.

VI. Meeting Adjourned by acclamation @8:40 am